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SUBJECT: OVERHAUL OF LIBYAN C-130'S; EIGHT LIBYANS

TO REMAIN IN U.S. TO OBSERVE OVERHAUL

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM LOCKHEED'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LIBYA, CHARLES MURPHY, THAT ROTATION OF EIGHT OLD C-130'S IN LIBYA TO U.S. FOR OVERHAUL IS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. MURPHY SAYS HE AND PRIME MINISTER JALLUD HAVE SIGNED DRAFT CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE WORK IN MARIETTA, AND LIBYA HAS MADE ADVANCE PAYMENT OF 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS TOWARD THE 13-14 MILLION DOLLAR BILL. FINAL DETAILS, INCLUDING SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS, ARE TO BE NEGOTIATED IN WASHINGTON, AND FINAL CONTRACT SIGNED THERE. ADMINISTRATIVE INEFFICIENCY MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS IN LIBYA, MURPHY SAID.

2. IN ADDITION TO PLANES, EIGHT LIBYAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL ARE TO GO TO LOCKHEED PLANT IN MARIETTA. ONE OF THEM, A LIEUTENANT, IS TO REMAIN FOR A YEAR, MURPHY SAID. THE OTHERS WILL STAY FOR THREE TO FOUR MONTHS. THEY ARE TO OBSERVE THE MAINTENANCE, OSTENSIBLY, BUT SOME TRAINING WILL OBVIOUSLY ALSO BE INVOLVED.

3. PLANES WILL NEED OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE, BUT MURPHY WAS
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NOT SURE WHAT STATUS OF REQUEST WAS, OR IF ONE HAD BEEN

MADE. HE THOUGHT FOREIGN MINISTRY HERE WOULD APPLY TO US.
WE SAID WE THOUGHT LIBYAX EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WAS PROPER
CHANNEL. MURPHY ALSO PRESENTED VISA APPLICATIONS FOR
EIGHT LIBYAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WHO ARE TO STAY IN MARIETTA,
AND ASKED WHETHER SIX CREW MEMBERS OF PLANES NEEDED VISAS
TOO. WE SAID THEY DID.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER DEPT HAS APPROVED
SENDING OF EIGHT AIR FORCE PERSONNEL TO U.S. IN CONNECTION
WITH OVERHAUL, AND WHETHER LIBYANS HAVE ASKED US FOR
OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR C-130'S.
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